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I. Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention

[To be completed]

II. Venue, dates and proceedings of the session

1. By its decision 2012/244, the Economic and Social Council decided that the twelfth session of the Permanent Forum would be held at United Nations Headquarters from 20 to 31 May 2013.

2. At its 2nd to 4th meetings, on 20 May 2013, the Permanent Forum considered agenda item 3, "Follow-up on the recommendations of the Permanent Forum: (a) Health; (b) Education; (c) Culture". For its consideration of the item, the Forum had before it the report of the international expert group meeting on indigenous youth: identity, challenges and hope: articles 14, 17, 21 and 25 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (E/C.19/2013/3), a study on how the knowledge, history and contemporary social circumstances of indigenous peoples are embedded in the curricula of education systems (E/C.19/2013/17) and an analysis of health, education and culture prepared by the secretariat of the Forum (E/C.19/2013/19). At its 16th meeting, on 31 May 2013, the Forum considered and adopted its recommendations submitted under agenda item 3 (see chap. I, sect. B).

3. At its 7th meeting, on 23 May, the Forum considered agenda item 4, "Half-day discussion on the African region". For its consideration of the item, the Forum had before it a study on resilience, traditional knowledge and capacity-building for pastoralist communities in Africa (E/C.19/2013/5). At its 16th meeting, on 31 May, the Forum considered and adopted its recommendations submitted under agenda item 4 (see chap. I, sect. B).

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4. At its 8th and 9th meetings, on 24 May, the Forum considered agenda item 5, "Comprehensive dialogue with United Nations agencies and funds", during which there was a dialogue with international financial institutions. For its consideration of the item, the Forum had before it a review of World Bank operational policies (E/C.19/2013/15), a report on indigenous people's rights and safeguards in projects related to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (E/C.19/2013/7) and the report of the Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Peoples' Issues annual meting for 2012 (E/C.19/2013/4). At its 16th meeting, on 31 May, the Forum considered and adopted its recommendations submitted under agenda item 5 (see chap. I, sect. B).

5. At its 10th and 11th meetings, on 28 May, the Forum considered agenda item 6, "Discussion on the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples". For its consideration of the item, the Forum had before it studies on national constitutions and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (E/C.19/2013/18) and on the links between the rights of indigenous peoples, truth commissions and other truth-seeking mechanisms on the American continent (E/C.19/2013/13). It also heard an oral report on the situation of indigenous peoples and their participation in democracies and electoral processes in Latin America under the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. At its 16th meeting, on 31 May, the Forum considered and adopted its recommendations submitted under agenda item 6 (see chap. I, sect. B).

6. At its 5th and 6th meetings, on 22 May, the Forum considered agenda item 7, "Human rights: (a) Implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; (b) Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples and the Chair of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples". For its consideration of the item, the Forum had before it studies on the situation of indigenous persons with disabilities, with a particular focus on challenges faced with regard to the full enjoyment of human rights and inclusion in development (E/C.19/2013/6) and on the extent of violence against indigenous women and girls in terms of article 22 (2) of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (E/C.19/2013/9). At its 16th meeting, on 31 May 2013, the Forum considered and adopted its recommendations submitted under agenda item 7 (see chap. I, sect. B).

7. At its 12th to 14th meetings, on 29 and 30 May, the Forum considered agenda item 8, "Future work of the Permanent Forum, including issues of the Economic and Social Council and emerging issues". For its consideration of the item, the Forum had before it a consolidated report on extractive industries and their impact on indigenous peoples (E/C.19/2013/16) and studies on the extractive industries in Mexico and the situation of indigenous peoples in the territories in which those industries are located (E/C.19/2013/11), on the impact of the mining boom on indigenous communities in Australia (E/C.19/2013/20), on indigenous women's political participation at the international, national and local levels (E/C.19/2013/10), on the right to participation of indigenous youth in the Nordic countries in decision-making processes (E/C.19/2013/8) and on decolonization of the Pacific region (E/C.19/2013/12). At its 16th meeting, on 31 May, the Forum considered and adopted a draft decision and its recommendations submitted under agenda item 8 (see chap. I, sects. A and B).

8. At its 15th meeting, on 30 May, the Forum considered agenda item 9, "Draft agenda for the thirteenth session of the Permanent Forum". At its 16th meeting, on 31 May, the Forum considered and adopted a draft decision submitted under agenda item 9 (see chap. I, sect. A).

III. Adoption of the report of the Permanent Forum on its twelfth session

9. At the 16th meeting, on 31 May, the Rapporteur introduced the draft decisions and recommendations and the draft report of the Permanent Forum on its twelfth session.

10. At the same meeting, the Permanent Forum adopted its draft report.

IV. Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

11. The Permanent Forum held its twelfth session at United Nations Headquarters from 20 to 31 May 2013. It held 16 formal meetings and 2 closed meetings to consider the items on its agenda.

12. At the 1st meeting, on 20 May, the session was opened by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs. At the opening ceremony, Tododaho Sid Hill, of the Onondaga Nation, delivered a welcoming address. The President of the Economic and Social Council and the Acting President of the General Assembly delivered statements.

13. At the same meeting, statements were made by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and the Chair of the Permanent Forum.

14. At the closing (16th) meeting, on 31 May, the Deputy Secretary-General made a statement.

B. Attendance

15. Members of the Forum and representatives of Governments, intergovernmental organizations and bodies, United Nations entities, and non-governmental and indigenous organizations attended the session. The list of participants is contained in document E/C.19/2013/INF/1.

C. Election of officers

16. At its 1st meeting, on 20 May, the Forum elected the following members of the Bureau by acclamation:

Chair:
Paul Kanyinke Sena

Vice-Chairs:
Raja Devasish Roy
Viktoria Tuulas
Saul Vicente
Bertie Xavier

Rapporteur:
Eva Biaudet

D. Agenda

17. At its 1st meeting, on 20 May, the Forum adopted the provisional agenda as contained in document E/C.19/2013/1.

E. Documentation

18. A list of the documents before the Forum at its twelfth session is contained in document E/C.19/2013/INF/2.